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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 665

Introduced by Assembly Member DeSaulnier

February 21, 2007

An act to add Sections 65040.7 and 65075 to the Government Code, relating to land use.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 665, as amended, DeSaulnier. ~~California Growth Management Act.~~ management.

Existing law provides that the Office of Planning and Research within the Governor's office serves as the state's comprehensive planning agency in the formulation, evaluation, and updating of, among other things, long-range goals and policies for land use, population growth and distribution, urban expansion, development, open space, resource preservation and utilization, air and water quality, and other factors that shape statewide development patterns and significantly influence the quality of the state's environment.

This bill would require the office to produce an annual Smart Growth Management Information Report using key indicators of smart growth by region and would require the report to consist of specified criteria. The bill would also require the office to review and provide comments on the most recently adopted regional transportation plan of each transportation planning agency, and to review and comment on each subsequent proposed plan, and to provide comments to the agency, as specified.

The bill would also require the University of California Transportation Center to invite proposals from University of California

faculty during the 2008–09 academic year to produce a report on the best practices of transportation-land use planning and smart growth management, that includes specified criteria.

~~The Planning and Zoning Law requires that a general plan consist of a statement of development policies and include a diagram or diagrams and text setting forth objectives, principles, standards, and plan proposals, including, among other things, a land use element, that designates, among other things, the proposed general distribution and general location and extent of the uses of the land for housing, business, industry, open space, and other categories of public and private uses of land.~~

~~This bill would declare the Legislature’s intent to enact legislation to create the California Growth Management Act.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: ~~no~~-yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 *SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares all of the*
2 *following:*

3 *(a) There exists a need to assess California’s current ability to*
4 *manage its growth at the local, regional, and state level. The best*
5 *way to do this is by gathering information from the appropriate*
6 *local, regional, and state agencies.*

7 *(b) The state needs to coordinate the study of the current best*
8 *practices of other states and countries regarding smart growth*
9 *management to make recommendations that will improve the state’s*
10 *ability to manage anticipated growth in order to ensure that future*
11 *generations of Californians have the highest quality of life.*

12 *SEC. 2. Section 65040.7 is added to the Government Code, to*
13 *read:*

14 *65040.7. (a) The Governor’s Office of Planning and Research*
15 *shall produce an annual Smart Growth Management Information*
16 *Report using key indicators of smart growth by region as a guide,*
17 *including the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design*
18 *(LEED) certification program. The report shall consist of, but is*
19 *not limited to, all of the following criteria:*

20 *(1) The amount of housing produced compared to the population*
21 *growth and the employment growth of the region.*

1 (2) *The amount of affordable housing produced compared to*
2 *the need for affordable housing.*

3 (3) *The jobs-housing balance.*

4 (4) *The change in vehicle miles traveled per household and in*
5 *total within, to, and throughout the region.*

6 (5) *The amount of habitat developed and the amount of habitat*
7 *protected.*

8 (6) *The amount of farmland developed and the amount of*
9 *farmland protected.*

10 (7) *The percentage of population by region within walking*
11 *distance of major public transit stations or hubs.*

12 (8) *The percentage of population by region within walking*
13 *distance of a park or public recreational area.*

14 (9) *The areas covered by urban growth boundaries.*

15 (b) *The report shall also include an analysis of the*
16 *implementation of Chapter 1016 of the Statutes of 2002, and any*
17 *other measures of smart growth deemed appropriate by the office.*

18 (c) *The office shall review and provide comments on the most*
19 *recently adopted regional transportation plan prepared pursuant*
20 *to Sections 65080 and 65080.5 of each transportation planning*
21 *agency, and shall review and comment on each subsequent*
22 *proposed regional transportation plan, and shall provide comments*
23 *to the transportation planning agency, evaluating the extent to*
24 *which the plan will assist a region to achieve all of the following:*

25 (1) *A jobs-housing balance.*

26 (2) *Directing growth away from significant farmlands and*
27 *habitat.*

28 (3) *Directing growth to areas within walking distance of a major*
29 *transit station or hub.*

30 SEC. 3. *Section 65075 is added to the Government Code, to*
31 *read:*

32 65075. *The University of California Transportation Center*
33 *shall invite proposals from University of California faculty during*
34 *the 2008–09 academic year to produce a report on the best*
35 *practices of transportation-land use planning and smart growth*
36 *management, that includes, but is not limited to, all of the*
37 *following:*

38 (a) *The generally accepted planning oversight and*
39 *implementation structures of other states in the United States and*
40 *foreign industrialized nations facing planning and growth*

1 *challenges similar to those currently being experienced by the*
2 *state.*

3 *(b) An assessment of the state's transportation and land use*
4 *practices and a comparison of their performance in managing*
5 *growth.*

6 *(c) Recommendations to the Assembly Select Committee on*
7 *Growth Management on future improvements that the state may*
8 *consider implementing.*

9 ~~SECTION 1. It is the intent of the Legislature to enact~~
10 ~~legislation to create the California Growth Management Act.~~